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SUBJECT: Independence Day Holiday Weekend Safety Message (1-4 July 2006)

1. Two hundred and thirty years ago, we claimed our independence and democracy was born. This holiday will give us the time to visit with family and friends, see the local sights, and take advantage of the many entertainment and recreational opportunities available in the Republic of Korea. During your holiday activities, please take a moment to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom and those who are currently deployed in either combat or peace enforcement operations.
2. As you celebrate our Nation's birthday, keep in mind that the critical days of summer demand your utmost attention. Ensure your survival this summer by making Composite Risk Management a key element in all your plans. Ask yourself what can go wrong, and what can you do to prevent it from going wrong. Honest answers to these simple questions will help you avoid disaster and permit you to enjoy this and many other holidays with family and friends.
3. We do not expect a significant increase to the already very congested Korean roadways, but the associated in-country driving risks will remain high. Leaders are to remind all 1st Signal personnel: **DON'T DRINK and DRIVE**; always wear your **SEATBELT** and ensure all persons in the vehicle are properly secured; **DRIVE DEFENSIVELY** and always **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**. For those who will be returning and driving in CONUS, the POV Risk Assessment Tool (ASMIS-2) located on the United States Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://crc.army.mil> is an excellent tool for POV risk management.
4. Leaders, your involvement is key to keeping our Soldiers safe. Before dismissal for the holiday weekend, make sure you and your first-line leaders use "Under the Oak Tree" counseling to meet with your Soldiers for a safety discussion and develop a verbal contract before this holiday weekend. These meetings provide an excellent framework for leaders to have a dialogue with their Soldiers to establish parameters for their off duty activities and behavior. Additionally, the 1st Signal Off Duty Risk Assessment card was developed to assist leaders in conducting risk assessments for their Soldier's traveling off duty.
5. CSM Grigsby and I wish you a safe and pleasant Independence Day holiday weekend. Remember, safety must never take a day off; it must become an integral and necessary part of everything we do.
6. "FIRST TO COMMUNICATE!"



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